



September 2021

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR KICK-OFF

Don't forget to mark your calendars and plan to attend the agency's annual fundraising dinner set for Friday, October 29th, at The Ambiance in Quincy.

Invitations for the "Tailgate to Celebrate" dinner have been mailed. If you are not on our invitation list and would like to be added or attend the dinner, please call the office at 217-223-2272 and ask to speak to Diane. Reservations and payment are due in advance and can also be made at www.eventbrite.com.



The committee is working hard and planning a lot of exciting things that you won't want to miss. There will be a live auction, silent auction, games and more.

This year's "Clairice Hetzler Advocacy for Children Award" recipient is Sandy Schlepfforst. A new award being presented this year is the "Advocacy Network for Children Business Award". The recipient of this award is Rokusek. Both recipients have been long-time supporters of the agency and its mission.

The dinner is the agency's major fundraising event of the year and helps us provide critical services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. As we cancelled last fiscal year's dinner due to COVID concerns, this year's dinner is more important than ever.

For additional information, you can visit the agency's Facebook page or website at www.advonet.org. We hope to see you there!

Childhood should be carefree, playing in the sun; not living a nightmare in the darkness of the soul.

Dave Pelzer, A Child Called "It"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 06 Office closed
- 09 CASA Noon Networking

October

- 11 Office closed
- 14 CASA Noon Networking
- 29 Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- CASA Volunteers
- Fundraising
- Mailings

If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

Our agency could not continue its mission of advocating for children without your help. You can help by:

- Monetary Donation
- ANC Foundation Donation
- Office Supply Donation

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you ever thought about being a CASA volunteer, now is the time. CASA volunteers are needed in our seven county region. This includes Adams, Pike, Hancock, Morgan, Brown, Cass and Schuyler counties. A multi-county CASA training is being held this month on Tuesdays and Thursdays via Zoom from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. An additional accelerated training is being planned for October 1st through 3rd in Quincy.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer and being the voice for a child in the court system due to no fault of their own, please call Danielle Buss at 217-223-2272. You can also visit the agency's Facebook page or website for more information.

WHAT TO DO AS A PARENT OR CAREGIVER FOR A CHILD WHO HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

Not all children experience child traumatic stress after experiencing a traumatic event, but those who do can recover. With proper support, many children are able to adapt to and overcome such experiences.

As a family member or other caring adult, you can play an important role. Remember to:

Assure the child that he or she is safe. Talk about the measures you are taking to get the child help and keep him or her safe at home and school.

Explain to the child that he or she is not responsible for what happened. Children often blame themselves for events, even those events that are completely out of their control.

Be patient. There is no correct timetable for healing. Some children will recover quickly. Others recover more slowly. Try to be supportive and reassure the child that he or she does not need to feel guilty or bad about any feelings or thoughts.

However, if the traumatic stress reaction is so intense that it interferes with your child's ability to function at school or home, or if the symptoms don't begin to fade or even become worse over time, they may need help from a mental health professional.

THANK YOU

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Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!

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